

REMARKS

A petition to extend the time for response by three (3) months is enclosed herewith.

Claims 1 – 6 are canceled. Claims 7 - 12 have been added. Claims 7 – 12 are currently pending.

In the Office Action, claims 1 – 6 and 8 - 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US 6,054,865 to Bald et al. Also, in the Office Action, claims 1 – 6 and 8 - 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US 4,117,537 to Muench. Furthermore, in the Office Action, claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,054,865 to Bald et al.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 1 – 6 is now moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1 – 6.

Also, Applicant submits that new claims 7 – 12 patentably define over the prior art of record.

Claim 7 of the present application recites an electronic storage unit having at least one heating unit for heating a cooking area and including at least one extractor fan. The inventive electronic storage unit, as recited in claim 7, includes a control unit for regulating a switch-on time for the extractor fan from one of a plurality of different switch-on times depending upon a selected cooking mode and an electronic storage unit. The electronic storage unit is coupled to the control unit and having at least one of the switch-on times stored in the electronic storage unit.

It is submitted that claim 7 of the present application is neither taught nor disclosed by the prior art of record. For example, it is submitted that neither EP 0 545 012 B1 nor EP 0 950 861 A1 teach or disclose an electronic storage unit having the features recited in claim 7 of the present application.

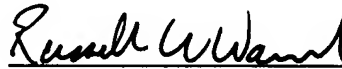
As discussed in detail in the preceding remarks, it now is believed that all of the claims are allowable over the prior art and are in allowable form. Early allowance of Claims 7 - 12 is earnestly solicited.

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